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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TURKISH CYPRIOT RESOLUTION

REF: NICOSIA 0610

1. TURKISH CYPRIOT RESOLUTION (REFTEL) APPEARS DESIGNED, AT MINIMUM, AS EFFORT TO FORESTALL SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN BI-REGIONAL FEDERATION AS POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. IT THUS APPEARS TO BE COUNTER TO RECENT GREEK STATEMENTS FAVORING A MULTI-CANTON SOLUTION (AS OPPOSED TO CLERIDES' POSITION PAPER WHICH MORE GUARDEDLY WORDED). ADDITIONALLY, ANNOUNCED DRAFTING OF LEGISLATION TO FORMALIZE TURKISH WING OF FEDERATED STATE IMPLIES THAT WHATEVER CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MAY EMERGE WILL BE A WEAK ONE. AGAIN, TURKISH GOAL APPEARS TO BE CONFEDERATION RATHER THAN FEDERATED STATE. THIS WILL BE CLEARER ONCE DENKTASH SENDS HIS PAPER TO CLERIDES TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 14. VICE PRESIDENT HAS PROMISED THIS WILL BE PUBLIC DOCUMENT.

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2. RESOLUTION WAS CAREFULLY DRAFTED BY TURKS TO AVOID SUGGESTION

THAT IT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE."  
EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON TEMPORARY NATURE TURKISH ACTIONS PENDING  
AGREED ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERATED STATE. DRAFT IS CLEVERLY DE-  
SIGNIFIED EFFORT TO DEFLECT INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM AND AVOID CHARGE  
THAT GOT DISMANTLING AN INDEPENDENT STATE.

3. WE CAN ANTICIPATE, HOWEVER, THAT TURK CYPRIOTS WILL SEEK  
ADDITIONAL TRAPPINGS OF SOVEREIGNTY (ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS, ETC.)  
WHICH MAY BELIE THEIR DECLARED INTENT OF MAINTAINING INTEGRATED  
STATE.

4. GREEK CYPRIOT REACTION TO RESOLUTION WILL BE CRUCIAL IN DE-  
TERMINING WHERE WE GO FROM HERE. FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES CALLED  
AMBASSADOR SHORTLY AFTER RESOLUTION MADE PUBLIC. HIS INITIAL  
INCLINATION WAS TO TAKE MATTER IMMEDIATELY TO SECURITY COUNCIL.  
AMBASSADOR CAUTIONED CHRISTOPHIDES TO CONSIDER MOVE CAREFULLY,  
SUGGESTING THAT IT PREFERABLE KEEP LOCAL NEGOTIATION ALIVE AND TO  
THAT PURPOSE CLERIDES MIGHT ASK CLARIFICATION OF TURKISH INTENTIONS  
AT NEXT SESSION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 14. GOC CABINET AND  
NATIONAL COUNCIL CURRENTLY MEETING. THEIR DECISION MAY BE PUBLIC  
SHORTLY.

5. ASIDE FROM INTERNATIONAL MOVES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GOC MAY  
ATTEMPT IMPOSE DIPLOMATIC BLOCKADE ON TURKISH AREA (AS WAS DONE IN  
MIDDLE 1960'S) OR TAKE SOME OTHER STEP TO ISOLATE TURKISH  
CYPRIOTS. THIS COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS LOCALLY.

6. UNTIL SITUATION CLEARS, WE WILL BE CAREFUL TAKE NO ACTION  
WHICH MIGHT CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION OF TURKISH CYPRIOT ACTION BUT  
WILL TRY CONTINUE FUNCTIONING UNDER EXISTING GROUND RULES.  
UNFORTUNATELY, ACTION BY EITHER SIDE MAY PRECLUDE THIS.  
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